

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully traverse and request reconsideration.

As a preliminary matter, Applicant has corrected claim 12 to be consistently amended with other amended claims as it appears that a typographical error occurred in the previous amendment.

Claims 1-40 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(a) as being unpatentable over *Matyas et al.* in view of *Van Oorschot et al.* Applicant respectfully submits that the instant assignee of the current application namely in Entrust Technologies, Inc. is also the assignee of the *Van Oorschot* Patent No. 5,699,431 and was the owner of the *Van Oorschot* reference at the time of the invention by applicant of the current application. Accordingly under 35 USC § 103, the claims are believed to be in condition for allowance as the cited reference was owned by the same entity as the instant application at the time of the invention.

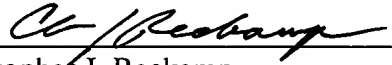
Applicants also respectfully reassert the relevant remarks made in the last Office Action and again note that the *Van Oorschot et al.* reference does not describe variable security policy rule data as the cited portion does not cite any “rule data” or in particular, variable security policy rule data. The cited portion only refers to a “variable part” of a CRL which can be updated, which actually refers to a certificate revocation information and not to any security policy rule data. This data is not used to determine any security policy of a device. If the rejection is maintained, Applicants again respectfully request a showing, as they did in the previous response, of which specific data in the *Van Oorschot et al.* reference is the claimed variable security policy rule data and which structure and methods store managed variable security policy rule data as claimed, as Applicants are unable to find such teachings. The showing is respectfully made only if the rejection is being maintained. Since there is no such

teachings, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant also respectfully submits that since the previous showing was requested (see page 3 of previous response), that any response, if the rejection is maintained, should be a non-final response.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. The Examiner is invited to contact the below-listed attorney if the Examiner believes that a telephone conference will advance the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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